

List of claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Original) A method for providing an animated audio message, the method comprising:

receiving an audio-message indication, related to an audio message, via a first wireless communication;

receiving an image indication, related to an image, via a second wireless communication;

associating the image with the audio message; and

animating the image in accordance with the audio message to produce the animated audio message.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the image is a stored image and the image indication identifies the stored image.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

storing the animated audio message; and

sending retrieval information toward a recipient for retrieving the animated audio message, the recipient being wirelessly identified.
4. (Original) The method of claim 3 wherein the animated audio message is stored in association with a packet-switched-network address.
5. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein the address is a web address.
6. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein the retrieval information includes the address.
7. (Original) The method of claim 3 wherein the retrieval information is in a format indicated wirelessly.
8. (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein the format is e-mail.

9. (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein the format is mobile-terminated short message service, and the retrieval information is sent to the recipient via a short message center.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising receiving the audio message from a voice-mail system.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein the audio message is stored in the voice-mail system and the audio-message indication identifies the audio message stored in the voice-mail system.

12. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein first wireless communication occurs before the second wireless communication.

13. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the first and second wireless communications are portions of the same communication.

14. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the audio-message indication includes the audio message.

15. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the audio-message indication includes text, the method further comprising converting the text into the audio message.

16. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the audio-message indication includes sufficient information to identify the audio message.

17. (Original) A method for providing an animated audio message as selected in a wireless communication, the method comprising:

receiving indicia of an animated audio message and a recipient, the animated audio message including an image portion that changes in accordance with an audio portion, at least a portion of the indicia being received through a wireless communication; and

sending toward the recipient message information sufficient for the recipient to access the animated audio message for viewing and listening by the recipient.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17 wherein the message information includes an address of a packet-switched network site.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18 wherein the address is a universal resource location and the network site is a web page.

20. (Original) The method of claim 17 wherein the indicia include the audio portion and the receiving includes receiving the audio portion from a voice-mail system.

21. (Original) The method of claim 17 wherein the indicia include an image indication of which of a plurality of stored images to use as the image portion of the message, the image indication being received through the wireless communication.

22. (Original) The method of claim 21 further comprising associating the audio portion with the image portion and animating the image portion in accordance with the audio portion.

23. (Original) A computer program product including computer-executable instructions for causing a computer to:

receive an audio-message indication, related to an audio message, via a first wireless communication;

receive an image indication, related to an image, via a second wireless communication;

associate the image with the audio message; and

animate the image in accordance with the audio message to produce an animated audio message.

24. (Original) The computer program product of claim 23 wherein the image is a stored image and the image indication identifies the stored image.

25. (Original) The computer program product of claim 23 further comprising instructions for causing the computer to:

store the animated audio message;

receive a recipient indication wirelessly, the recipient indication being indicative of an intended recipient of the animated audio message; and

send retrieval information toward the intended recipient for retrieving the animated audio message.

26. (Original) The computer program product of claim 25 wherein the animated audio message is stored in association with a packet-switched-network address.

27. (Original) The computer program product of claim 26 wherein the address is a web address, the computer program product further comprising instructions for causing the computer to provide a web page providing access to the animated audio message.

28. (Original) The computer program product of claim 26 wherein the retrieval information includes the address.

29. (Original) The computer program product of claim 25 further comprising instructions for causing the computer to wirelessly receive a format indication indicative of a format of the retrieval information, and wherein the instructions for causing the computer to send the retrieval information cause the computer to send the retrieval information in the indicated format.

30. (Original) The computer program product of claim 29 wherein the format is e-mail.

31. (Original) The computer program product of claim 29 wherein the format is mobile-terminated short message service, and the instructions for causing the computer to send the retrieval information cause the computer to send the retrieval information toward the intended recipient via a short message center.

32. (Original) The computer program product of claim 23 wherein first wireless communication occurs before the second wireless communication.

33. (Original) The computer program product of claim 23 wherein the first and second wireless communications are portions of the same communication.

34. (Original) The computer program product of claim 23 wherein the audio-message indication includes the audio message.

35. (Original) The computer program product of claim 23 wherein the audio-message indication includes text, the computer program product further comprising instructions for causing the computer to convert the text into the audio message.

36. (Original) The computer program product of claim 23 wherein the audio-message indication includes sufficient information to identify the audio message.

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